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*Dedicated
to
Mr. Ray Lesh*



Mr. Lesh, better known to all of us as Ray, has been here working as janitor since he graduated in 1938. His faithfulness in his efforts to make things more pleasant at Rockcreek go far beyond his duties. Ray is always in the hall to greet classes passing and to exchange jokes and comments on ballgames or studies. His understanding has carried many of us through almost impossible days. As a small token of gratitude we wish to dedicate this book to you.

This year was basically the same as any other year; we studied, had fun, experienced sad moments of trial and error. There were games and dances; voices were hoarse from pep club rooting, and singing. There were brief moments of glory for some of us in sports, musical and dramatic productions. All shared the hopeless reality of examinations and deadlines, the semester grades, the noontime cafeteria rush. These impressions are only a few that were packed into this full year.

It is not today that you will appreciate the GEMS. Tomorrow, when it is not so easy to think back on 1963, we will treasure the memories this book has stored for us.

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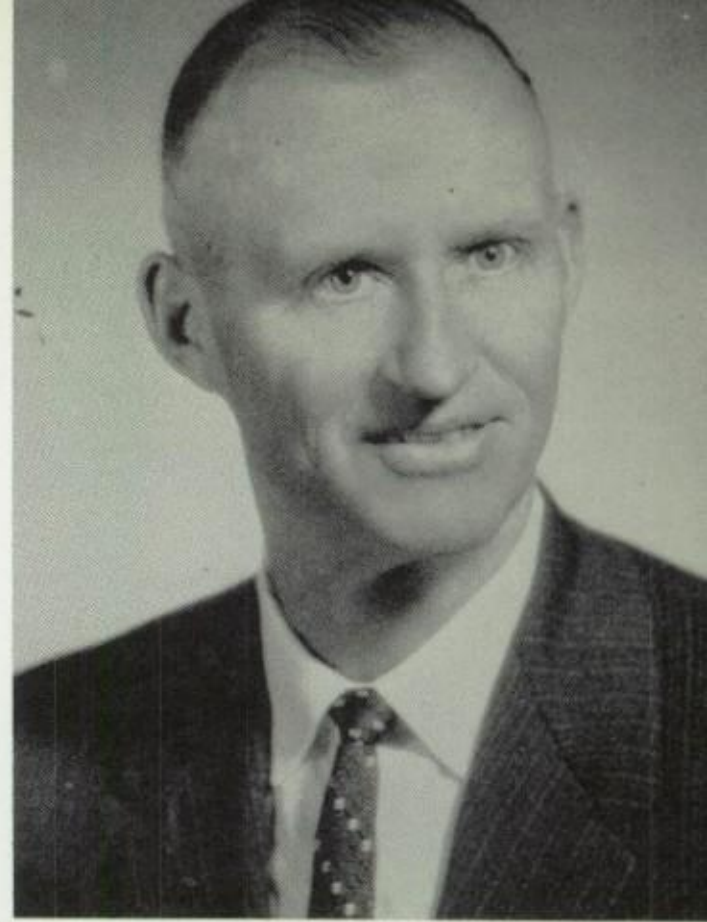
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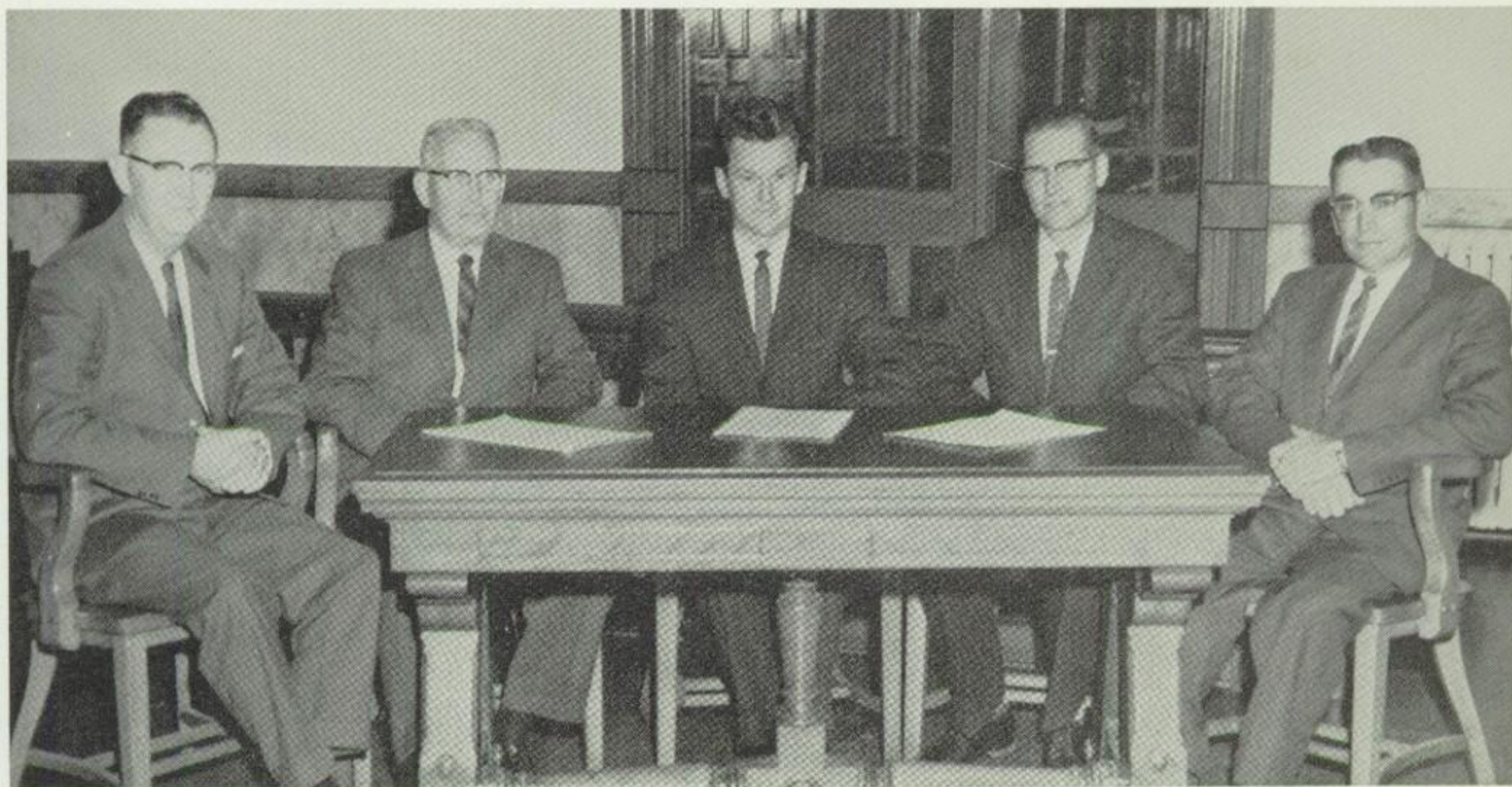
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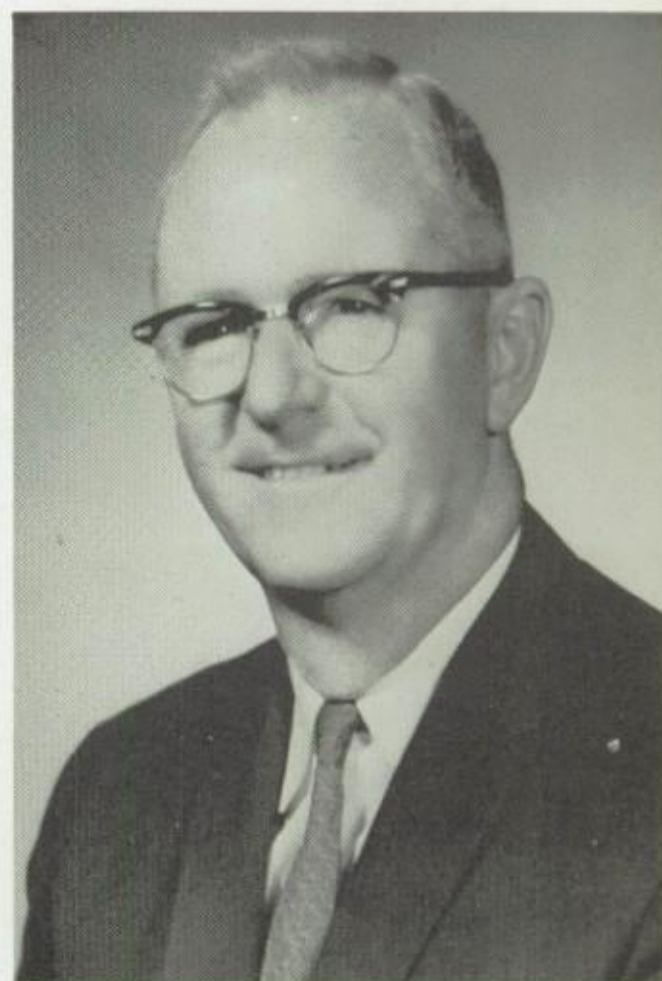
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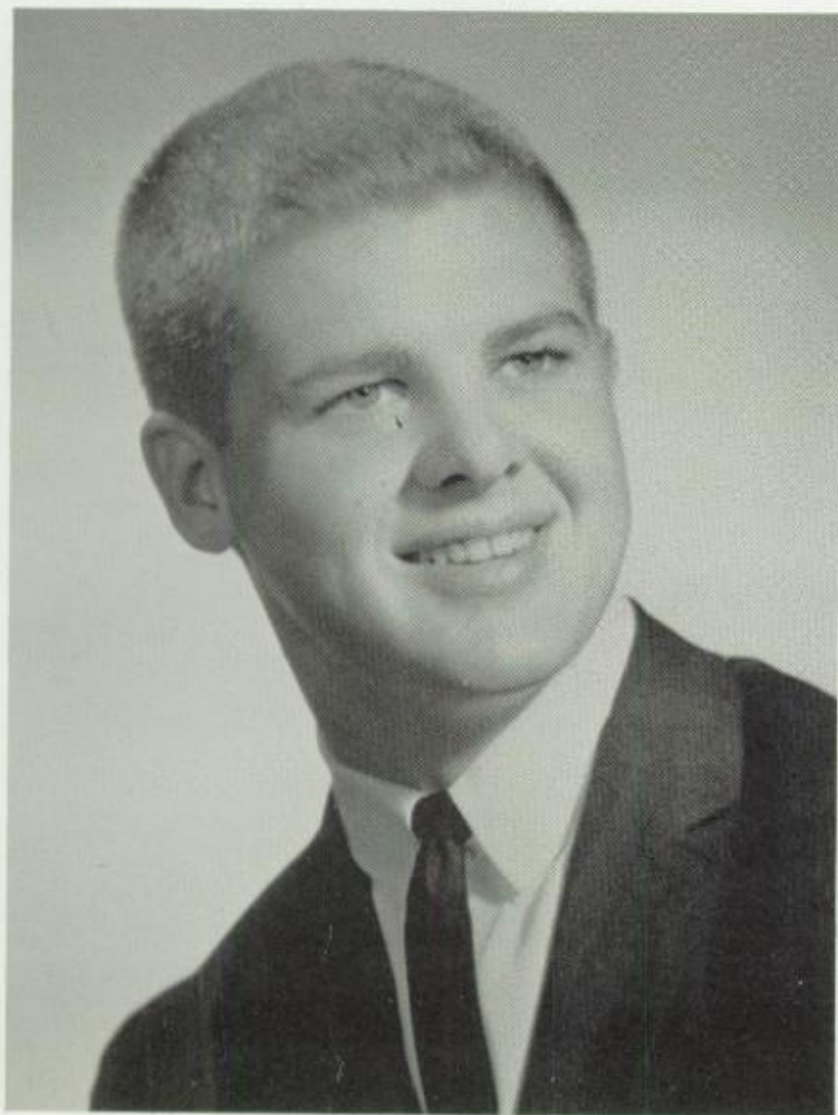
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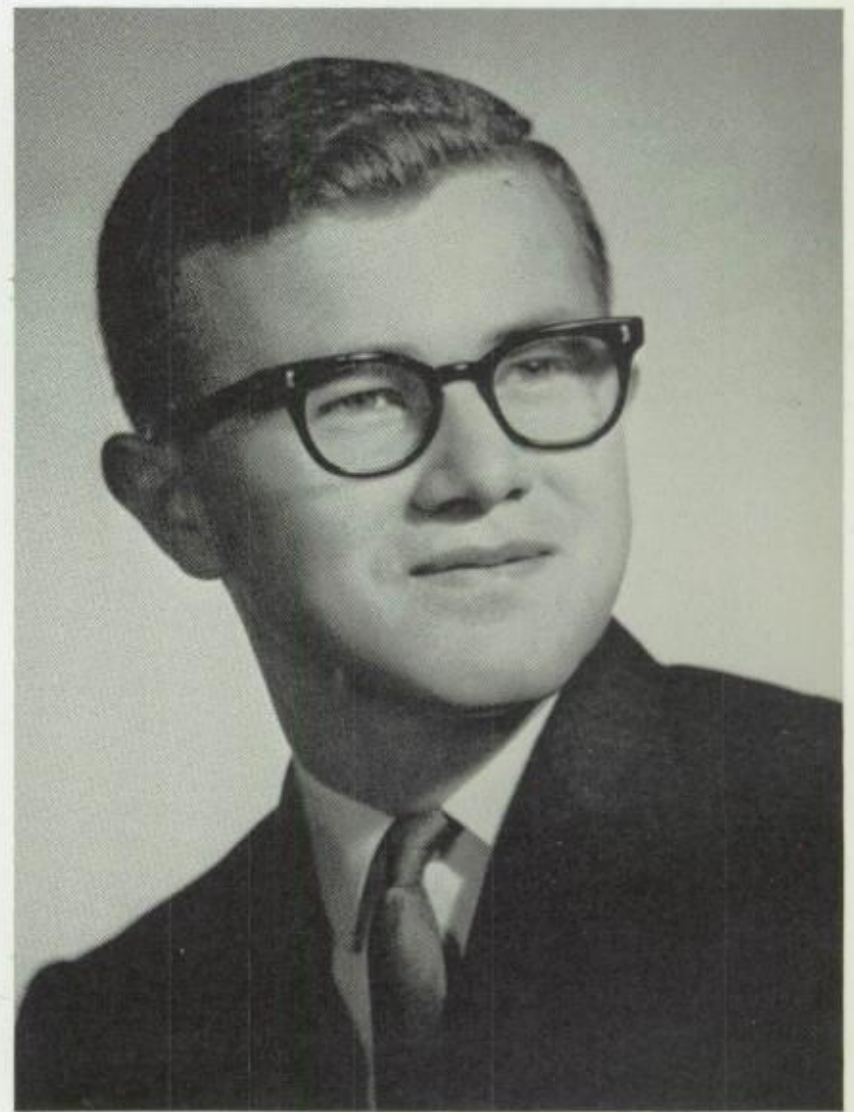
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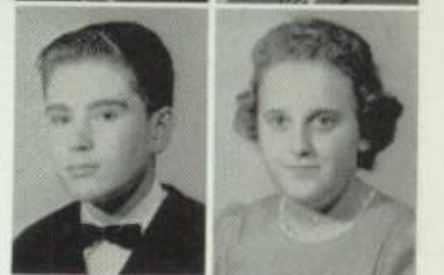
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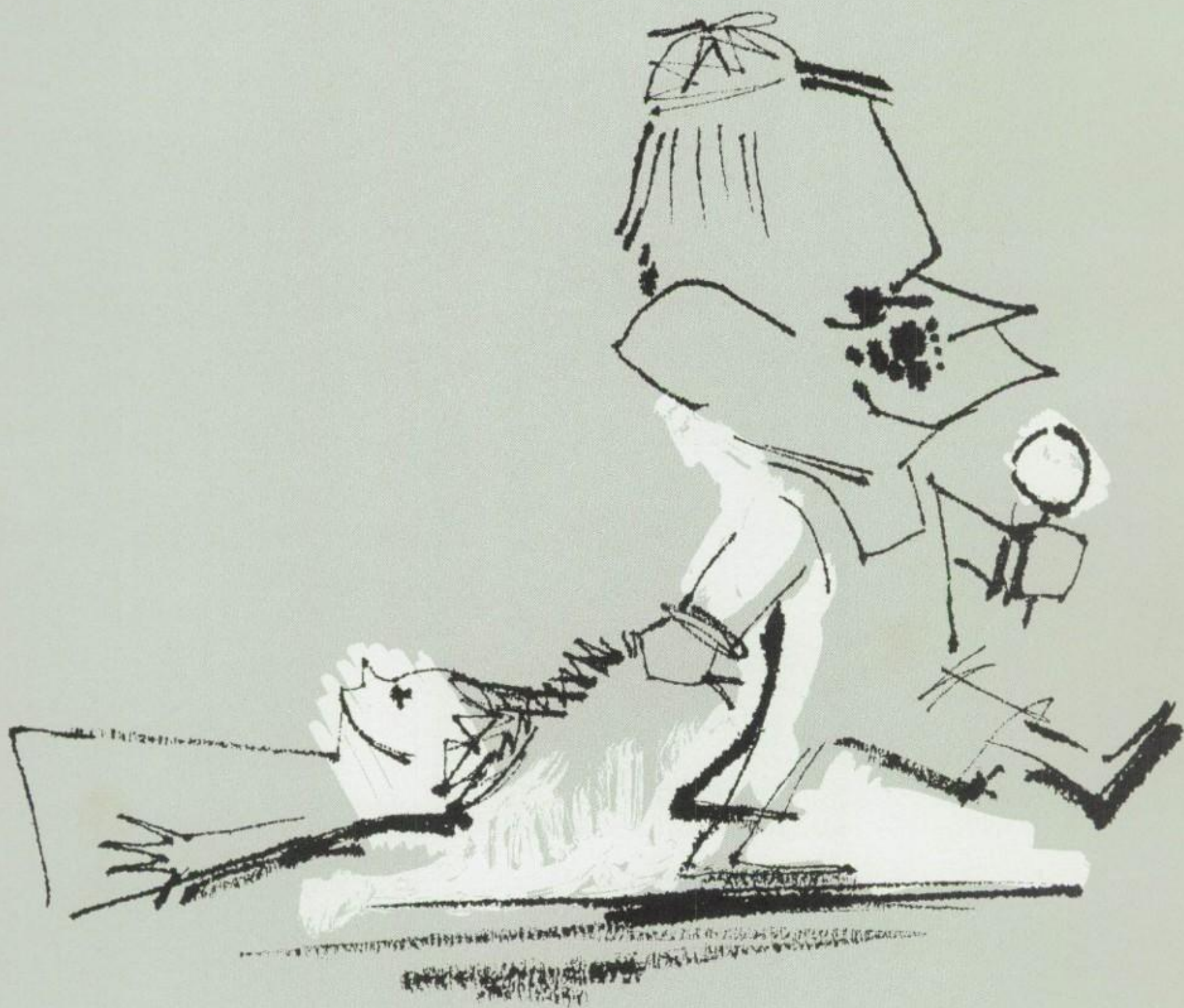


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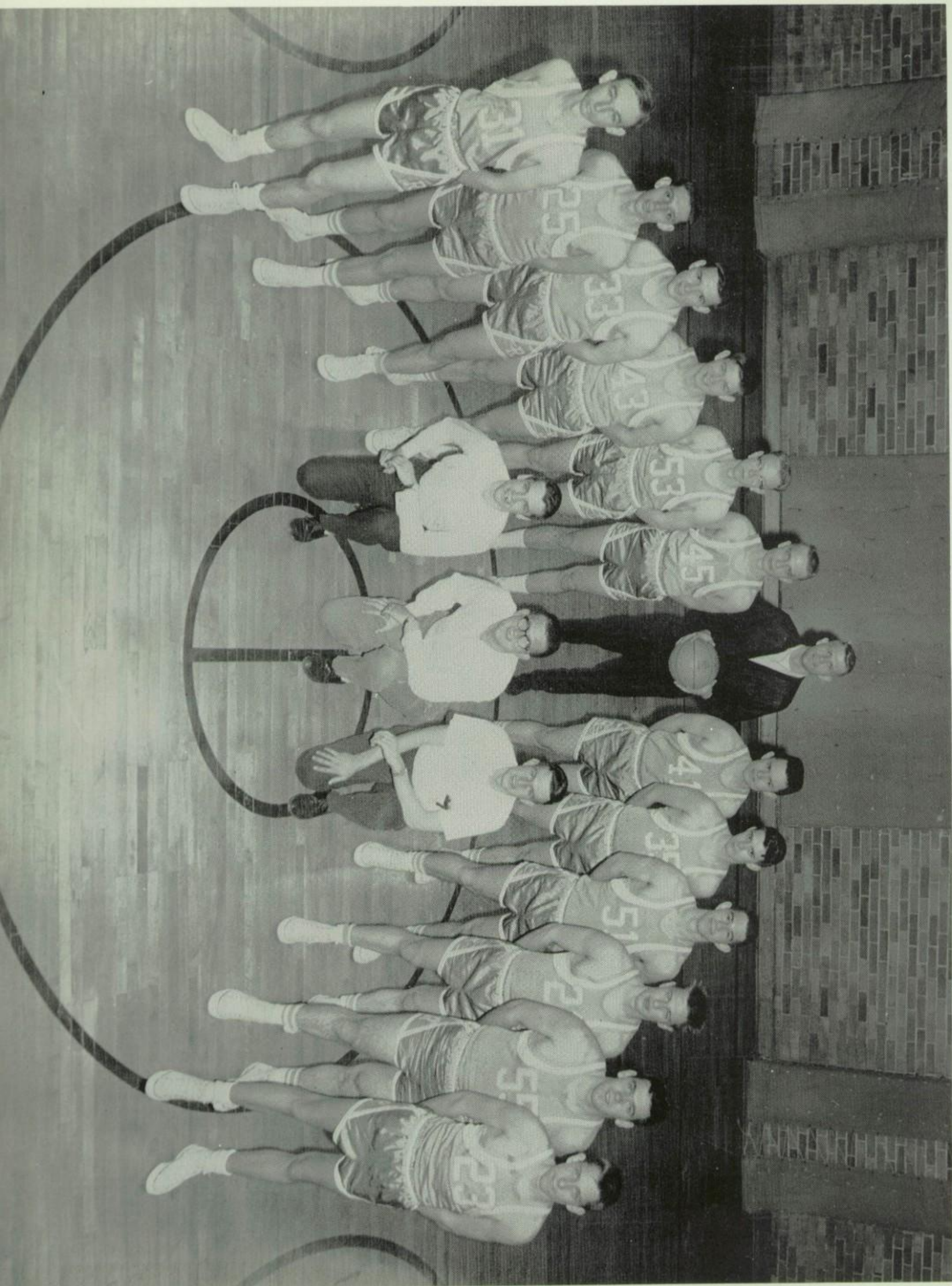
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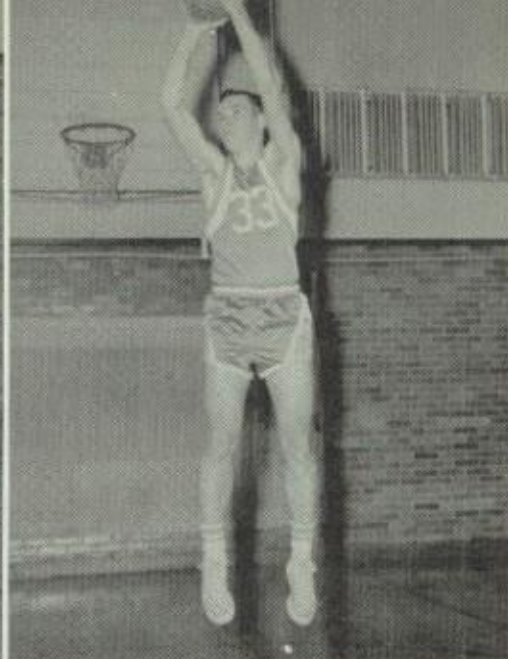
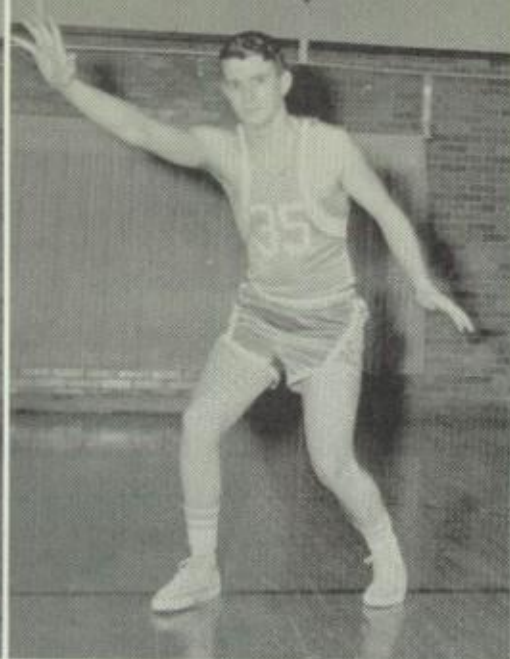


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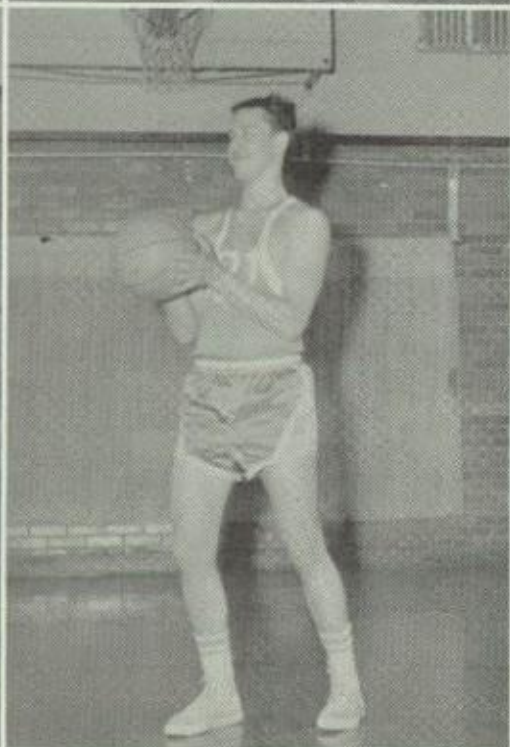




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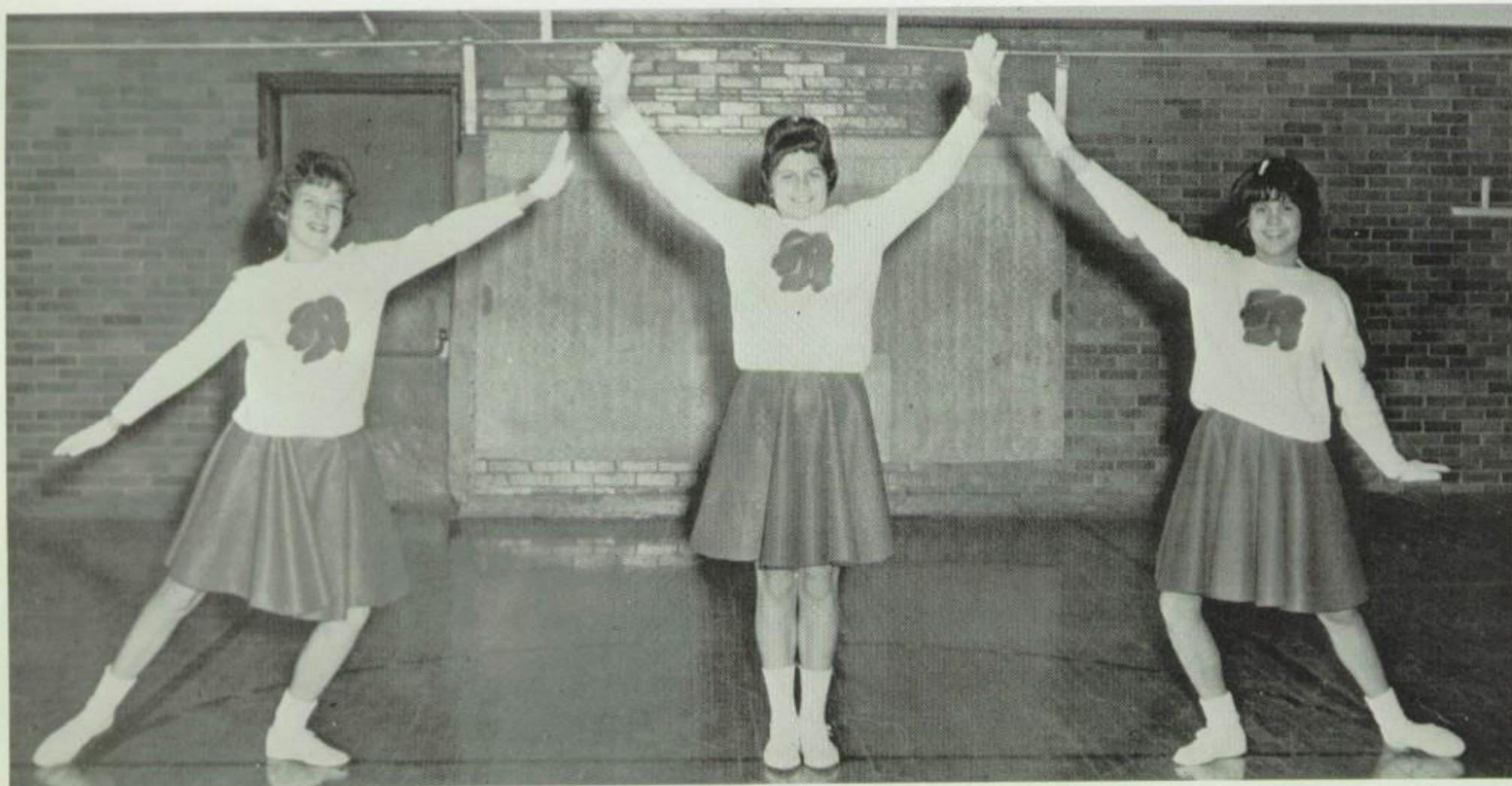


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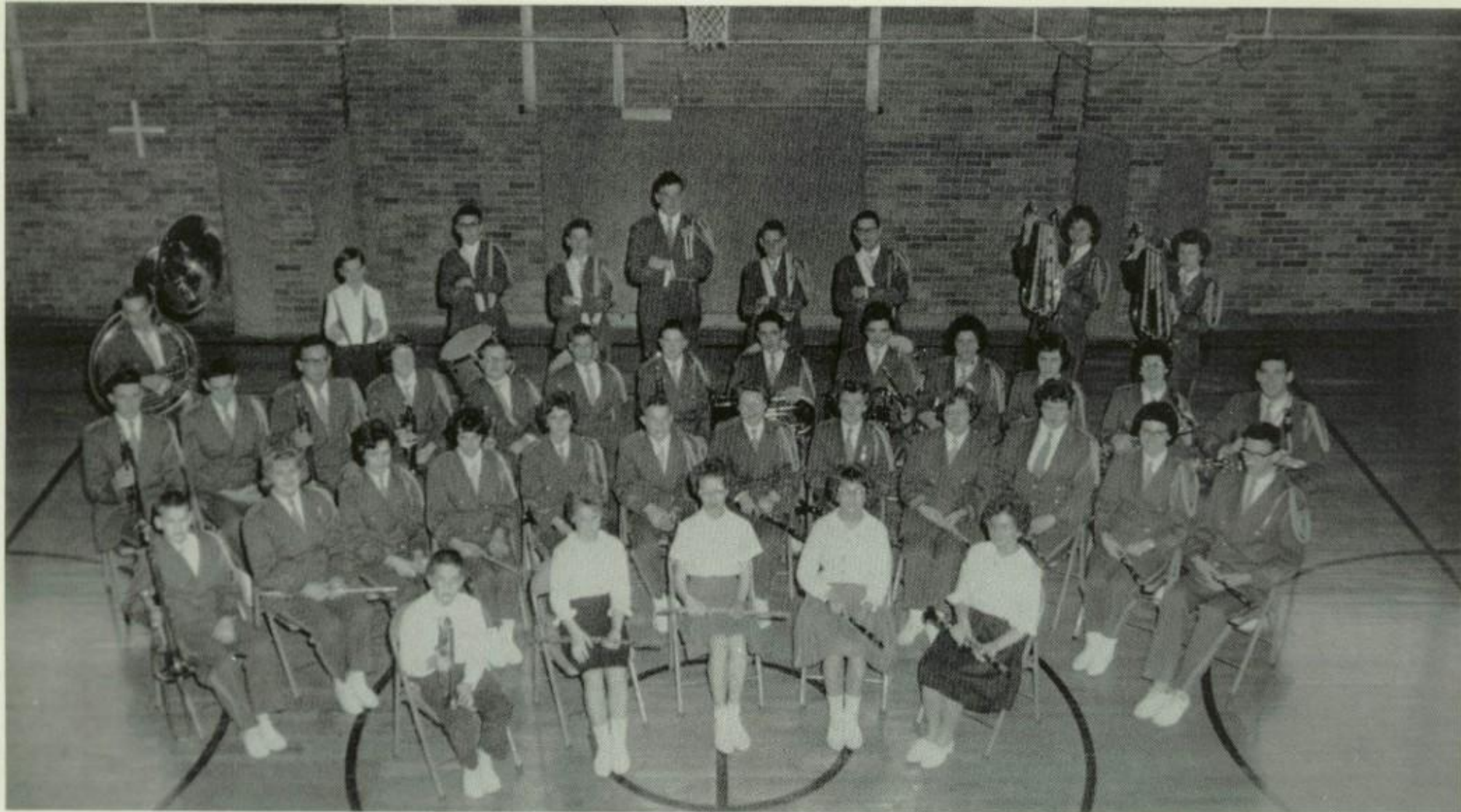
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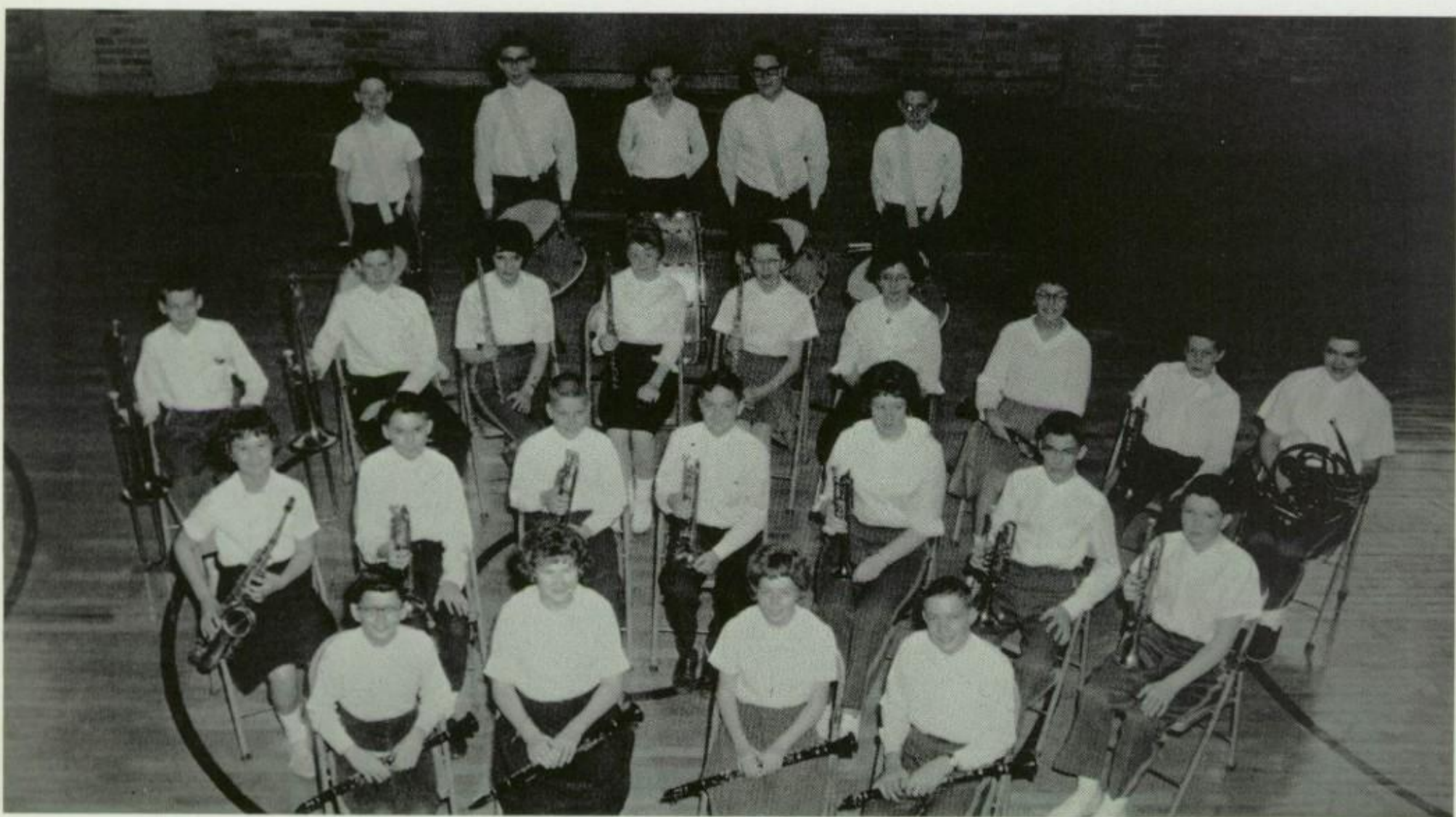


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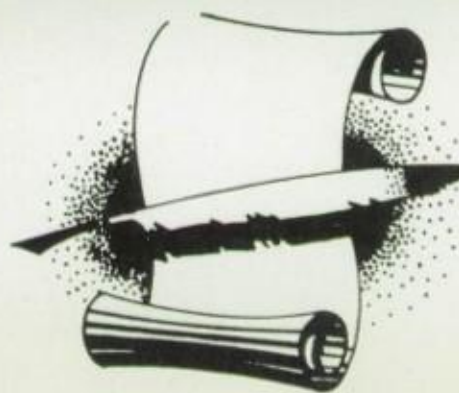
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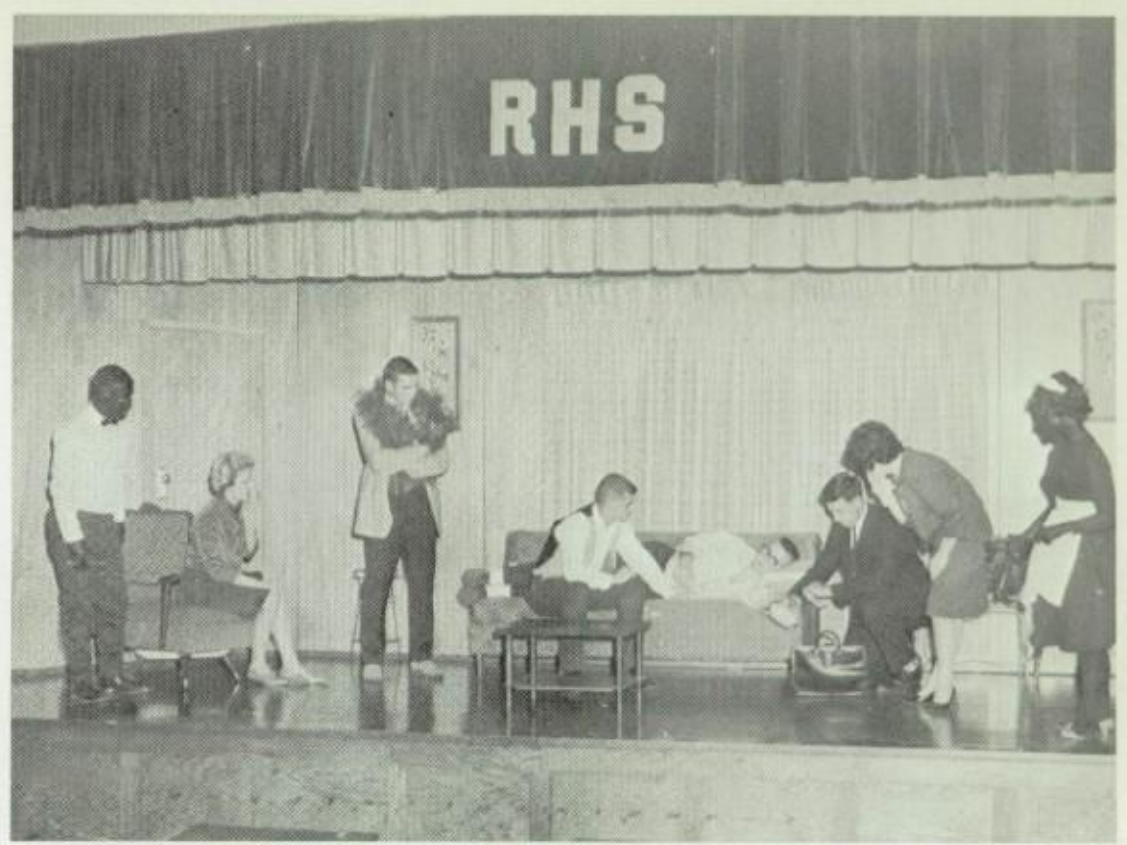


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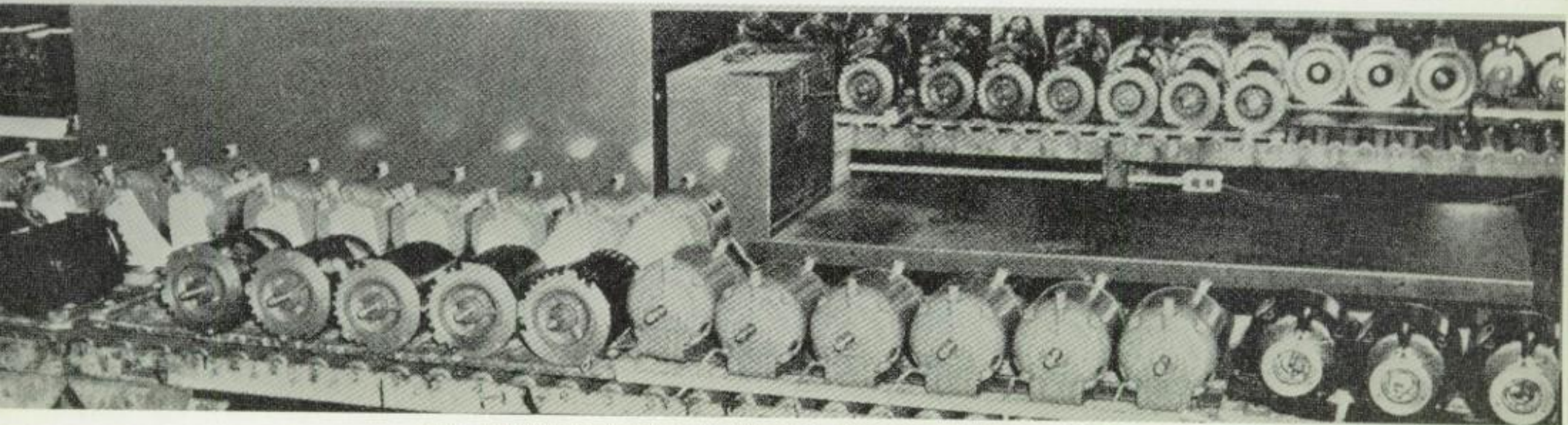
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